

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 929

By Atchley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Representative Paul
"Buddy" Scruggs.

WHEREAS, it was with great shock and sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the untimely death of our most trusted and valued colleague, Representative Paul "Buddy" Scruggs; and

WHEREAS, Representative Scruggs was a dedicated and proficient public servant who represented the good people of the 14th, and then the 17th, House Districts with the utmost acumen, probity and integrity throughout his meritorious service as a member of the 90th-96th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who had earned the universal respect of both his colleagues and indeed all people involved in the legislative process, Representative Scruggs worked assiduously to make Tennessee a better place to live, work and rear a family; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure in the General Assembly, Representative Scruggs ably served as the House Republican Caucus Chairman and demonstrated his political acumen and singular leadership abilities in that important position; and

WHEREAS, he served with probity as a respected member of the Calendar and Rules Committee, the Government Operations Committee, and the Finance, Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, he sponsored landmark legislation that authorized Living Wills, and he rewrote involuntary admittance laws for the mentally ill; he was also a conscientious steward of Tennessee's environment and a strong supporter of environmental legislation; and

WHEREAS, a native of Knox County, Representative Scruggs was the son of Paul C. and Alice Bryson Scruggs; he attended the public schools of Knoxville and studied at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable man who was wholly committed to public service, Buddy Scruggs had honorably served in the Tennessee Air National Guard and the United States Air Force Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buddy Scruggs had most recently served as Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Insurance, in which position he had once again evidenced his stalwart commitment to the great state of Tennessee and her citizens; and

WHEREAS, Representative Scruggs is survived by his wife, Marilyn Childress, and their three children, Paul Delmas, Gina Luann, and Jennifer Leigh; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Scruggs was truly a man of the people; he was as friendly to and respectful of his constituents and staff as he was of his colleagues, and his commitment to the health and prosperity of his fellow citizens was truly exemplary; and

WHEREAS, as we reflect upon Representative Scruggs's death, we are saddened by both the loss we have experienced personally and by the fact that Tennessee will be a poorer place without him, because he represented the epitome of the devoted public servant and family man; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the memory of our colleague, Representative Paul “Buddy” Scruggs, fondly remembering his indelible legacy of astute public service and his unwavering commitment to his fellow human beings. He was a man whose whole life was distinguished by purpose and commitment and he will be sorely missed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend our condolences to Representative Scruggs’s family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.